

Cyprus and President Dervis Eroglu of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for their leadership and coming together for the future of all Cypriots.

It is my sincere hope that we may soon see an end to the Cyprus question once and for all, and welcome a unified Cyprus into the international community of nations. To this end, I encourage President Barack Obama, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and their respective governments to continue their efforts to help facilitate a peaceful resolution. As called for by the United Nations in various statements and declarations, I believe that the reunification of Cyprus based on a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation with political equality represents the most sustainable path to peacefully uniting the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities.

A unified Cyprus would positively impact the entire region through improved multilateral relations, greater economic opportunities, and increased security. In particular, the reunification of Cyprus would be a significant step towards strengthening the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at a time of renewed tensions with Russia. Furthermore, it may signal the beginning of closer cooperation between Greece and Turkey, as well as revitalizing discussions for Turkish accession to the European Union.

Mr. Speaker, the resumption of negotiations for a unified Cyprus is a most welcome development. I remain a friend and ally to the people of Cyprus, and support their aspirations for peace and unity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
REOPENING OF THE ORIGINAL
GROSSMONT HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the rich history and proud legacy of the Grossmont Union High School District in my congressional district of East San Diego County. On May 1, 2014, the District will host a grand reopening of their District Office building to rededicate a historical landmark in the City of El Cajon, the original Grossmont High School Building.

Originally constructed in 1922, the Grossmont High School Building for decades was home to the teachers and students that made up the oldest high school in East San Diego County. As the campus expanded, new buildings were added and this facility eventually became the District Office. The project was actually two buildings, a stone veneer

over cast-in-place (CIP) concrete at the front and a two-story conventional wood-framed and plaster building in the rear. The structures were independent of each other and both required seismic upgrades. The necessary improvements consisted of a shotcrete membrane for the inside of the exterior walls at the stone section and full-height steel brace-frames in the wood-framed building.

Standard improvements to the building include all new HVAC, plumbing, electrical, lighting, Fire Alarm and communications. Newer styles have been blended with the traditional as significant efforts were made to honor the features of the original structure. The original stone veneer has been refurbished and upgraded original-style wood windows have been installed in line with the original theme. Also keeping with the original motif is the reuse of existing wood flooring. Newer amenities such as modern steel and tile stairs with stainless and glass handrails, glass conference rooms and curvi-linear (arched panel) ceilings have been added to complete the transition to new as well as honoring the old traditions.

The majority of the funding for this project was provided from former redevelopment funds, primarily from the City of El Cajon. The remaining balance of the project funding was allocated from the District's capital facilities fund and Propositions H and U, which were specifically utilized to bring the structure into compliance with ADA standards, including an elevator and wheelchair accessibility.

Besides refurbishing this proud local landmark, I am particularly proud to see redevelopment funds stay within the City of El Cajon thereby benefiting students in the District and those who support student achievement. I have always appreciated the hard work and dedication the Grossmont Union High School District has shown to furthering the educational goals of our students and I congratulate them on this achievement and continued investment into our community.

HONORING WANDA FULLMORE

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Wanda Fullmore, who, after 39 years of dedicated service to the people of Madison, Wisconsin, is retiring from the Mayor's Office.

Her welcoming voice, warm smile and engaging personality greeted the visitors of five Madison mayors since 1975. Regardless of who sat in the mayor's chair, her unofficial title was "The Real Mayor." You knew you had become a local community leader when Wanda knew you well enough to call you "Honey!"

Mayors would come and go, but Wanda was the consistent presence and institutional memory that guided residents through the complications of local government for nearly four decades. Her knowledge of Madison city government was unparalleled. Better than any directory, organizational chart, or 211 referral system, Wanda could find the one person in city government who could solve even the most esoteric of problems. And chances are, she not only knew their phone number by heart, but also the names and ages of their children.

As anyone who answers phones for a living knows, her job was not always pleasant or easy. She incurred the wrath of many constituents upset about everything from parks to potholes and taxes to traffic. She handled them all with patience and grace.

Wanda Fullmore: greeter, listener, case-worker, gatekeeper, public servant, sounding board, advocate, friend. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with her and the thousands of people whose lives she touched.

I ask the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in wishing her an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING AMMA SRI
KARUNAMAYI

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amma Sri Karunamayi, a prominent Hindu spiritual leader who has devoted her life to promoting public service and peace.

Amma is best known for her acts of charity, which include providing spiritual guidance to those in need, establishing a free school for more than 700 students and constructing a hospital that provides free care to patients in need. After spreading her teachings in India for many years, Amma sought to take her mission overseas.

In 1995, Amma took her first tour of the United States and returned every year thereafter. This year, she will be back for her 20th anniversary tour. To commemorate this occasion, Amma will be hosting an interfaith World Peace prayer ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia from May 1st until May 11th.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Amma Sri Karunamayi's achievements, and to congratulate her on 20 years of spreading spirituality and peace throughout the United States.